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(C) Poloff discussed the need to provide material support to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) with COL Enrique Navarro, chief of the crisis unit in the MOD Directorate of Policy on July 6. Navarro said that both the LAF and the UN had recently approached the GOS about the possibility of donating material, and that MOD was reviewing the list that Lebanon had presented. Navarro said that while the Spanish army cooperates closely with the LAF on the ground in Lebanon, it is legally difficult and time consuming for Spain to donate armaments. He noted, for example, that MOD has been working on a deal with Paraguay's military for two years, but has not yet received the necessary approvals. Navarro promised to move the request up the chain, but said that he did not expect that Spain would be able to assist with this request. Embassy will continue to encourage the GOS to do everything that it can to support the LAF.
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